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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAREUR Aviation Safety and Standardization Council Minutes, 19 April 2002

1. The USAREUR Aviation Safety and Standardization Council meeting was convened at 1300 hours, 19 April 2002.
2. Members attending or represented at the meeting are listed in enclosure 1.
3. COL Thomas, ODSCOPS Aviation Officer provided introductions and opening comments. The function of the committee is to discuss theater related safety and standardization issues, focusing on future operations.
4. The meeting proceeded with discussions on agenda items presented for the council's consideration. The discussions are summarized as follows:

ISSUE: Theater ERFS Policy

Discussion: The goal of the committee is to establish a theater position for use of ERFS. Currently, CG USAREUR restricts AH-64 ERFS use "will not use ferry tanks in tactical operations" but allows AH-64 ERFS use for ferry missions and qualification. The UH-60 and CH-47 operate in accordance with current DA directives. All AH-64 and UH-60 commanders or their representatives expressed a desire to exploit the advantages of ERFS both tactically, and for ferry missions until a new system is fielded.

Recommendation: COL Thomas indicated units need to form a consensus on mission requirements, risk authority level and training profiles to assist the CG with any change to his current policy and units need to exercise their FARP capabilities. The short-range goal, when 2/6 CAV turns in their aircraft for LONGBOW, transfer the center-line Robinson tanks to units with the over-the-horizon mission and request HQDA field the new internal split-tanks for 6/6 CAV. The long-range goal is acquire AH-64 and UH-60 external tanks that are crashworthy and ballistic tolerant. AH-64 and UH-60 units continue to operate in accordance with AMCOM SOF (UH-60-98-01)(AH-64-98-01) and CG USAREUR AH-64 directive.

ISSUE: FAC 3 Designation

Discussion: Units are concerned with the reduced number of aircraft under aviation transformation and the impact on collective training and flying excess crews. Additionally, there is a commitment to train junior aircrew members. All units requested retaining FAC 3 at the brigade level. COL Carter, DOTDS indicated an upcoming message would eliminate FAC 3 for initial term aviators at brigade and below and discourage FAC 3 for anyone at brigade and below.

Recommendation: Retain FAC 3 at brigade level.

ISSUE: Dunker (Underwater Egress and Training device)/HEED Training

Discussion: The goal for all pilots and aircrew members in USARUER is to become Dunker and HEED qualified. The frequency of the training should be one qualification in type/series aircraft for Dunker/HEED and HEED refresher training annually. The 12th Aviation Brigade proposed a mobile system. MAJ Barber stated V Corps G3-Aviation evaluated the 6th CAV Brigade (Republic of Korea) portable training program and found a facility in Europe would better serve USAREUR aircrews. The 7th ATC and CASSD evaluated facilities in Germany and the Netherlands. Various units have used facilities in England. There is a FY05 MCA project (@ 6.2 million) for a Dunker facility in Europe, but is not presently funded.

Recommendation: COL Thomas indicated that USAREUR will standardize use of training facilities in Europe. Units have until 1 June 2002 to seek out their own facilities, at that point, 7th ATC will coordinate training and facilities. One training facility will host all USAREUR aviation units until an Army facility is operational. The 7th ATC will consolidate classes and training slots. MG Tucker indicated support funding should come from the headquarters directing the mission.

5. The meeting continued with open discussion issues presented for the council's consideration. The open discussion issues are summarized as follows:

ISSUE: AVCATT-A Location

Discussion: Attendees inquired as to the location of the AVCATT-A trainer for USAREUR crews.

Recommendation: MAJ Rodriguez, G3-Aviation, indicated a decision on location should be known by the end of April 2002.

ISSUE: Consolidated ALSE facility

Discussion: This issue was discussed at V Corps Safety and Standardization Council meetings and closed at the 21 May 2001 meeting. MG Tucker indicated funding and resources are not available for a consolidated ALSE warehouse.

Recommendation: None.

ISSUE: High Altitude Training Sites

Discussion: CW5 Witter, 4th Bde 1st ID, requested a status of mountain training areas in Europe for USAREUR aircrews. Mountain training is risk mitigation for deploying units, but units have no funding for training.

Recommendation: MG Tucker recommended ODCSOPS-Aviation Office draft a paper to V Corps asking their mission requirements for high altitude operations. Based on the response, funding may come from above brigade level if it is a priority for commanders. COL Thomas indicated a potential mountain training and NVG training area in Slovenia is under review.


ISSUE: DA PAM 385-40 Review

Discussion: CW5 Freitag, USAREUR Safety Officer, requested units review the draft DA PAM 385-40 and submit changes.

Recommendation: USAREUR units submit changes through their unit safety offices.

6. MG Tucker provided closing comments.

- a. USAREUR is behind on their flying hour program. With the summer night restrictions coming, it will be difficult to make-up lost flying hours and conduct night training. He emphasized that warfighting crews must train hard, maximize training opportunities in theater and focus on proficiency not just currency.
- b. USAREUR has a standard training model in UR 350-1 and units must stretch this model to meet their requirements. The system is accurate for calculating costs and provides funds for USAREUR directed requirements. Last year USAREUR gave back funds and there is a 10% reduction in training money for this year.
- c. MG Tucker mentioned the numerous aviation safety accidents within the past week. USAREUR has a full training calendar and must train hard and aggressively, but train safe!



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Mr. Phillips	ODCSOPS-Aviation Division
LTC Comodeca	ODCSOPS-Aviation Division
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MAJ Rodriguez	Air Ops, G-3 Air
CW4 Wilson	V Corps Safety
CW5 Mankie	Commander, CASSD
CW4 Brostrom	Standards, CASSD
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